The General Session Music City Community Court, Division VIII (8)
Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee
Judge Rachel L. Bell, Presiding

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# C.A.R.E. Diversionary Court Assessment & Acceptance Process

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OFFENDER is charged with a crime in Davidson County and is Age 18-30.

## **ELIGIBLE OFFENSES**

The following offenses are eligible, but not exhaustive, and shall be considered for entry in the **C.A.R.E. Diversionary Court**:

- Criminal Trespass
- Possession or Casual Exchange of a Controlled Substance
- Reckless Driving
- Resisting Arrest
- Theft of Property
- Unlawful Use of Drug Paraphernalia
- Vandalism

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Participants should meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for entry in the C.A.R.E.

## **Diversionary Court:**

- Has an eligible offense.
- Is a non-sex crime offender.
- Is not a serious risk to the community.
- Does not qualify for Drug Court or Mental Health Court
- Victim is in agreement.

#### **REFERRALS**

Offenders that meet eligibility criteria must be referred to the C.A.R.E.

Diversionary Court with a completed Referral

Application signed by the Offender, the Assistant District Attorney, and the Criminal Defense Attorney.

#### **REFERRAL APPLICATION**

Referral applications are to be turned in to the C.A.R.E. Social Work Coordinator, 615-862-8117 OR emailed to

#### gs8CARE@jisnashville.gov.

**PARTICIPANT** 

OPTS IN and reviews the

Participant Manual and

signs the

**Participant** 

Agreement.

#### **OFFENDER INELIGIBLE**

Offender may be ineligible based on offense or other criteria.

OFFENDER opts out/ JUDGE does not accept case(s).

OFFENDER'S cases are set back on the originating G.S. Judges Docket.

## **TERMINATION**

- Open Case: Jail Docket
- **U/A Guilty Plea:**Division 8

### **PARTICIPANT ASSESSMENT**

Offender is interviewed and administered a Risk/Needs Assessment (<u>C-CAT</u>) by the C.A.R.E. Social Work Coordinator.

## JUDICIAL REVIEW FOR ACCEPTANCE & TRANSFER TO C.A.R.E.

The Referral Application, C-CAT Assessment, and Participant Agreement, along with the Plea Petition, are submitted to Judge Bell to review. If accepted, Judge Bell will prepare a C.A.R.E. Transfer Order of Acceptance that will be signed by the Assistant District Attorney and the Criminal Defense Attorney. The C.A.R.E. Transfer Order of Acceptance will then be submitted to the G.S. Originating Judge. The case is then transferred and set on Judge Rachel L. Bell's next G.S. Division VIII (8) docket.

### GRADUATION!

C.A.R.E.

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#### **ASPIRE**

6-month Mentorship Program

#### **ACCEPTANCE**

Offender is accepted into the <u>C.A.R.E.</u>

<u>DIVERSIONARY COURT</u> and will be set on the next <u>C.A.R.E. COURT DIVERSIONARY COURT</u>

<u>DOCKET</u> to start the program.